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SAWYER BUILDING
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1840

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sawyer Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

142 N. Washington St.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Thomas W. Sawyer

Telephone #: 939-1463

STREET & NUMBER

142 N. Washington

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 815

Folio #: 918

STREET & NUMBER

Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Md. 21001

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sawyer Building (142 N. Washington St.) is a three-and-a half story, six bay by three bay, brick, commercial duplex which probably dates from the mid 19th century (c.1940). Attached at the center of the rear is a two story wing. The building is located on a corner, facing east in a row of commercial buildings at N. Washington St. and Pennington Ave. A bar and restaurant are on the first floor. The front and north elevations are all stretcher bond while the south rear and wing are common bond, the brick appearing to have been sand-blasted.

Above the first floor, windows are evenly spaced in the facade. Second and third story windows, front and north elevations, have 6/6 light, double hung sash with brick flat arches in the wall above them and masonry sills. The attic story, front elevation, contains a wooden frieze of narrow rectangular, three light windows with brackets in between them. Rear elevation and wing windows openings are similar. Behind the four part plate glass and metal store front an earlier wooden store front is intact; it has a denticulated cornice extending across the entire front.

Three glass and wood doors are located in the facade and other entrances are found in the south elevation and in the rear wing.

The main block has a low gable flank roof of slate with a massive multiflue chimney rising from the northend and two smaller ones from the southend. The wing has a slate gable roof with a tall, square exterior chimney on the west end.

INTERIOR

The following interior description applies to the north side only. On the second floor, main block, are two large rooms with fireplaces, having plain mantels with pilasters, and eared, architrave framing, typical of the Greek Revival, around windows and doors and recessed panels under the windows. The ceiling in the front room has a flattened wood cornice between the rooms, large, six panel double doors can be folded back flush with the wall in to a storage space containing shelves. The stairs on the south wall of the hall have a curved bannister leading to the third floor. On the third floor, the woodwork is plainer (no eared treatment) although the mantels are the same as on the second floor. The attic is broken into four or five small rooms with plastered walls.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sawyer Building is a three and a half story, brick commercial building (c. 1840) which is believed to have served as a hospital during the Civil War. The flat, classically proportioned facade with closely spaced window and a lighted attic frieze is characteristic of Greek Revival architecture.

Located on a railroad line and one block west of the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay, the Sawyer Building may well have seen service as a hospital or hotel during the Civil War. Until 1866 when the railroad bridge was built, The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad went down St. Clair St. (now Pennington Ave.) and crossed the river on a ferry which left from the steamboat landing at the foot of the street.

Brick Greek Revival structures - commercial buildings as well as dwellings - are an important architectural theme in Havre de Grace as this style was popular during the years of the town's greatest prosperity (1830-1870) as a port of reshipment.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton - Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historic Trust

DATE

March 18, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

LAND DEEDS

SAWYER BUILDING

HDC 875 918 June 20, 1971
Grantors: Hardy and Martin
Grantees: Thomas Willie Sawyer and Elizabeth, his wife
Part of lot 134, square 250

HDC 826 146 November 30, 1970
Grantor: Arline E. Murphy
Grantees: Hardy and Martin

HDC 672 99 March 30, 1965
Grantor: Abraham Davis
Grantees: R.C. Murphy and wife

JAR 171 89 June 23, 1920
Grantor: W. Worthington Hopkins, Trustee
Grantee: Abraham Davis by will of Jacob Davis
Equity Case: Ellen Hopkins, defendant; W. Worthington Hopkins,
Complainant.
\$8,000.00

WG 13 347 December 12, 1862
Grantor: Sarah S. Neil
Grantee: Priscilla Hopkins
\$2,000.00

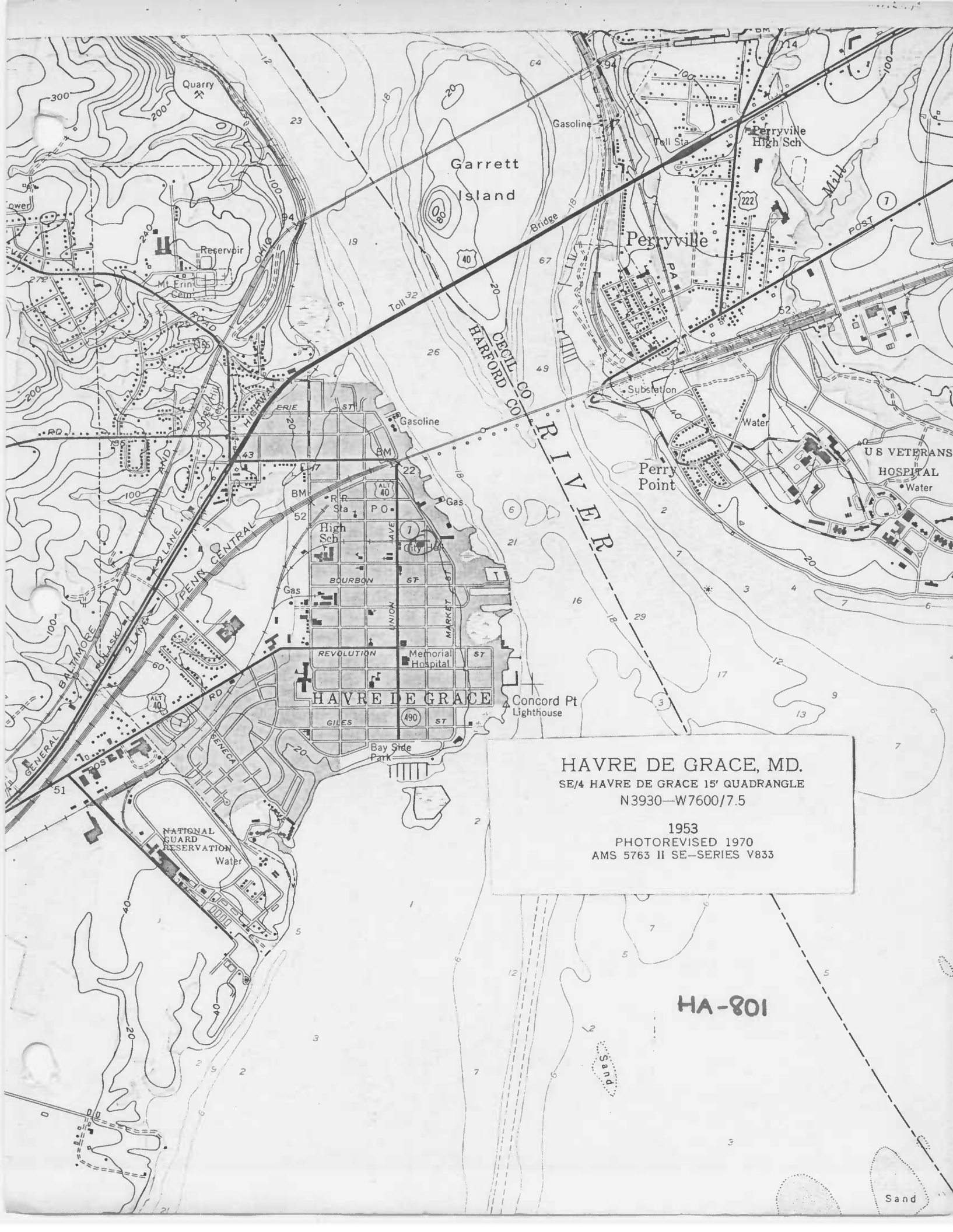
WG 12 393 July 16, 1861
Grantor: William Smith trustee for Matthew Newkirk of Philadelphia
Grantee: Sarah S. Neil
\$2,500.00

AD 26 215 March 15, 1842
Grantor: John Ahern
Grantee: Matthew Newkirk
\$7,000.00

HD 25 103 February 5, 1841
Grantor: William Slater
Grantee: John Ahern
\$7,000.00

HD 21 212 March 8, 1838
Grantor: Juliana Hall & Washington P. Chew
Grantee: William Slater
\$1,020.00

HD 18 54 March 10, 1835
Grantors: Samuel Bradford, Administrator of Mary B. Brown
Grantee: Washington P. Chew
\$50.00



HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.
SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
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NORTHEAST ELEV.

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